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up with what is now the bill in the amendments and are satisfied that they will be able to continue the same way that they have been doing? Is this the way you answered Senator Schmit for sure, now?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes and I would say at this time, I have not had any objection. If anyone understands the amendments and it must have the amendments on to be that way but we have had no objections from any part of the state of Nebraska after the amendments were created and sent out to the people in the state of Nebraska. They all had a good chance to go over it so the amendments must be on to do what you and I are considering.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, then, thanks, Senator. Mr. President, if I may, then, I would like to wholeheartedly give my endorsement to this amendment...these amendments because those of us in the rural areas, small communities are faced with an extremely situation when it comes to health care. Many of our communities, small communities, do not have doctors. We are some distance away from hospitals and without these adequately prepared and equipped rescue units, we are in a real sad situation. It is a must for Nebraska and I hope that the fed. will accept what we are trying to do so that we can continue a normal life with some reasonable assurances therein. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Kennedy a question, also.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, certainly, Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Is this the situation that was...was this program previously financed by the federal government.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes there have been grants for the educational part and it is my understanding they will perhaps be federal grants following.

SENATOR RUMERY: These...the money that financed these programs was withdrawn, was that right?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I can't say that is true. There was a threat that they would withdraw if we did not pass a bill and this is probably part of the reason for the bill and the bill really is different maybe than was discussed before but the amendments...I am sure, if we have the grants and if the state cares to match grants or any other...or if you have volunteers that wish to partake in the schooling and so forth, all of this can be accepted under this bill. So I still say I think there will be federal grants partially available.

SENATOR RUMERY: I understand that some of the training programs had to be discontinued? Is this right?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I have not been notified of that. I know that they would like to have more, additional training programs and this will encourage it.

SENATOR RUMERY: As you understand this, then this would take